

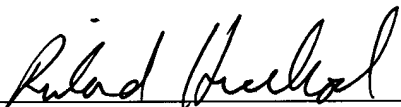
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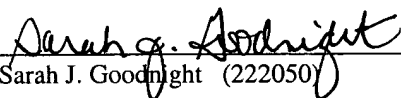
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DEAR SIR:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 5, 2005. A shortened statutory period of three months has been set for response, making this Reply due on April 5, 2005. Therefore, this Reply is considered timely. Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks set forth below.

This Amendment and Reply is being submitted in a form which complies with revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, all pending claims are identified by number and appropriate status identifier.

Please amend the application as follows:

Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.